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Operation Christmas Child

Written by: Carlos Berroa (10th)

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. -Samaritan's Purse

This mission aligns with the Christian values that Wesleyan Academy strives to uphold. For this reason, we have recently collaborated with Samaritan's Purse, a Christian, non-profit organization dedicated to helping people in need for years. As a tradition, they collect shoeboxes full of children's toys and hygiene products to then distribute to children across the world. This year, during the first weeks of November, we asked our students to bring their own shoeboxes full of these items to collaborate with the mission of Samaritan's Purse. The collection was a great success, amounting to several dozen boxes, thanks to the cooperation of our entire school community. We look forward to continuing this tradition for many years in the future, honoring the teachings of Jesus.

Blood Drive

Written by: Amanda Torres (10th)

On November 18, the Student Council and the Med-Life Club organized a blood drive in which teachers, the principal, and several alumni from the Class of 2025 came to donate blood for those in need. The purpose of the blood drive is to raise awareness about the importance of donating blood and to help meet the island's need for blood products. Through Banco de Sangre de Servicios Mutuos, the donated blood is delivered to patients who need it. By the end of the day, 37 pints of blood were collected, making a real difference for patients in need. Events like this encourage members of the school community to make a meaningful impact in future community health efforts.



Drawn by: Gustavo Melendez (10th)

English Week

Written by: Ariana Galliano (10th)

English Week is one of the most exciting weeks of the school year; these days are dedicated to celebrating the power of words, stories, and creativity. Students experience learning in a fun, interactive way through games, challenges, and creative projects. This year's theme is *From Books to Musicals*, which displays how stories can be transformed from books into stage performances through music, acting, and performance. Some activities that students were able to participate in were the Spelling Bee, a *From Books to Musicals* visual representation project, and a Jeopardy-style game with questions about books, authors, vocabulary, and musicals. With English Week, students are expected to gain confidence in their communication skills, build a stronger appreciation for reading and writing, and explore creative ways to connect literature with the performing arts.



Spelling Bee

Written by: Olga Cancel (12th)

On Tuesday, December 9, our students participated in and enjoyed the school spelling bee. Students from elementary and high school competed, but our young stars shined through. The first-place winner was Ezequiel Perez Carmona from 4-1, followed by Julieta Vicens from 5-1, with Joaquin Hernandez from 5-1. The winning word this year was *compassionate*, reminding us of the importance of kindness during the holiday season. We celebrate and congratulate the winners while looking forward to next year's spelling bee.

Celebration of Jesus's Birth

Written by: Nicamar Piñeiro (10th)

A Child is born to us, a Son is given... Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Isaiah 9:6.

One day, over two thousand years ago, in a humble stable in the small town of Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus. Far away, wise men saw a star and followed it, intending to find Jesus so they could honor Him as King and Savior by showing respect and worship. Christmas is celebrated around the world as a season full of joy, gift-giving, family, friends, and happiness. While all of these things are true, Christmas holds a much deeper meaning because it isn't just a holiday; it is the celebration of God's gift of love and hope into the world—Jesus—who came to this Earth to offer us salvation, redemption, and a path to eternal life with Him by our side. This Christmas, our purpose should be the same as the purpose of the wise men: to seek Jesus and honor Him. Today, Christmas is celebrated by helping others and showing kindness. But after all this time, the message of this exciting holiday remains the same: a message of love, peace, and hope for everyone. This season, along with all the festivities, take a moment to remember why Jesus was born and what He represents for each one of our lives. Let His message guide your actions, not just during the holidays but every day of the year, and allow Him to guide you through everything that you do.



NHS Elderly Home Visit

Written by: Fabiola Santos (12th)

On Wednesday, December 11, 2025, members of the National Honor Society had the opportunity to visit Insignia Senior Living in Caparra, where they spent a meaningful morning bringing joy, warmth, and companionship to the residents. The visit included a Christmas parranda that filled the home with music and celebration, followed by lively bingo games that encouraged participation and connection among everyone. Students and residents also enjoyed a creative session of painting Christmas ornaments, expressing their creativity. The day ended with a heartfelt prayer of gratitude that brought everyone together. This experience was very important for our NHS members. Their hearts were warmed by being able to give back to our community. Accompanying the residents and sharing a message of love, joy, and hope was one of the most meaningful gifts of this Christmas season.



Christmas Spirit Days

Written by: Amaya Hernández (10th)

As the most wonderful time of the year has arrived, Wesleyan Academy allows students from all grade levels every year to get involved in the Christmas Spirit! With the Christmas Spirit Days, students are assigned different dressing themes in which everyone is allowed to participate and express themselves with their own style and creativity outside of their uniforms. On December 11, the Elementary School was assigned different kinds of themes to dress up for the Christmas anticipation, themes like nutcrackers, jíbaros, and Reyes Magos, the birth of Jesus Christ, gingerbread men, and elves. You can guarantee that our Elementary Eagles were celebrating with a very merry attitude! High School's themes included Tropical Santa, Winter Wonderland, Christmas Character Day, and Iconic Character Duos. You can imagine that our students arrived in style and showcased their creativity! On December 12, students were reunited at the Covered Court Area for a beautiful spectacle of classic Christmas melodies from the Elementary Music Class and the Jazz Band Elective, and celebrated the goodness of the true meaning of our Christmas Spirit with friends, love, music, and excitement for all our students, teachers, and faculty of Wesleyan Academy to enjoy.



Universal Human Rights Month

Written by: Adriam Rohena (11th)

December is known as Universal Human Rights Month; it's a time for people all around the world to join together and fight for their rights and dignity. It was proclaimed by the United Nations 77 years ago. Some of the rights that it protects are freedom from discrimination, the right to equality, and the right to be considered innocent until proven guilty. People forget to take time and learn about different cultures to be able to understand that it isn't something to be afraid of. It's important that this month, we take time to educate ourselves about other opinions and cultures.

Did you know? Written by: Ambar Roche (11th)

Did you know that Rosa Parks famous bus protest took place on December 1, 1955, changing the course of civil rights history? Without her knowing, this simple act became one of the greatest movements in history. Mrs. Parks was not the first person to be prosecuted for violating the segregation laws on the city buses in Montgomery; however, her character was held in high esteem by all those who knew her. At the time of her arrest, Mrs. Parks was serving as secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Her arrest became a rallying point around which the African American community organized a bus boycott in protest of the discrimination they had endured for years. During this time was when Martin Luther King, Jr., the 26-year-old minister of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, first achieved national fame as the public became acquainted with his powerful oratory. Through this act, we can see how our actions hold power because, through a quiet act of defiance that resonated throughout the world, Rosa Parks is known and revered as the Mother of the Civil Rights Movement.

Best Of SemesterWritten by: Amanda Robles (10th)

This semester has been nothing short of wonderful at Wesleyan Academy, and it's ended on a fantastic note. We have a great spread of things to celebrate as the semester comes to a close. First, thanks to all the teachers, staff, administration, and students who make every day special. We thank the teachers who have worked hard to make this semester the best it can be, especially advisors and teachers who go the extra mile every day. Not to forget the staff and administration, who ensure that every day at Wesleyan is a good day with their hard work and dedication. Wesleyan Academy students shone brightly this semester: from designing shirts for Puerto Rican Week and displaying their talents, to making the pep rallies fun and engaging, to participating in competitions and representing our school, to the athletes who win game after game. From elementary to high school, there is absolutely no doubt that our students are talented and skilled. And thanks to everyone, it's very much safe to say that this semester was undoubtedly amazing.

Feautred Senior Written by: Camila Rivera (11th)

This month's senior is Rashel Aviles, someone who's been here all her life so far. She described WA as a second home, somewhere that's helped her with her leadership skills and problem-solving while maintaining her relationship with God. However, after she graduates, she plans to study medicine to specialize in neurology and be able to work with kids who have neurological problems that limit their mobility, a field she is determined to succeed in. Finally, her piece of advice for any seniors is to take a rest in their final year. As the grades get bigger, it seems like the work does too, so if you don't take time for leisure, you won't have any. Make sure to take all the opportunities you are given, but remember that the Lord also encourages rest.

Student voices Written by: Jorge Rotger (11th)

The Muralism Elective has spent all year expressing themselves through their art and honing their skills for a very special cause. They've dedicated their time to studying the principles of design, large-scale painting techniques, and the importance of murals as a form of community expression, all to design their own murals around the school. They will be drawing these new murals in various locations, including the old mural next to the business office and the old mural depicting the wings of the NHS. We asked some students in the Muralism Elective to describe the main concept behind one of the murals. Alanis Laboy said, Tranquility, or a sense of calm after the storm. Natalia Rosario described it as Community and Togetherness, and Amanda Robles spoke about Making the school more vibrant. Sophia Cuadrado commented that it was about Leaving your mark. As you can see, the murals they are planning to do encompass a variety of themes and subject matters, highlighting everyone's creativity and artistic prowess. Please keep your eyes peeled for the coming designs next semester, and Merry Christmas! (Below are images of the process).

